

[Mr. S. Venkafaramana Aiyar.]

the Government under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, II of 1097.

Demand No.	Amount.	Particulars.
	Rs.	
XVI. Medical and Sanitary— Chemical Examiner; Ayur- veda Department includ- ing grants to Institutions and Honoraria to Vaidyans and Sanitary Department.	2,000	For expenditure in connec- tion with the Prevention of Plague.
Do. Do.	790	For opening an additional Sanitary Circle at Kuzhi- thurai from 1-3-1105.
Do. Do.	524	For Travelling allowance and contingencies of the above Sanitary Circle office.
XIX. Scientific and Miscellane- ous Departments—other than Co-operative Depart- ment.	650	For Travelling allowance to the members of the Economic Development Board for 1104.
XXI. Miscellaneous.	2,400	For expenses in connection with the Banking Enquiry Committee.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND XIX—SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 3,365 under Demand XIX—Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments.

The House is aware that the next Census is to be taken early in 1931 and that the Census Commissioner for Travancore has been appointed. He wants an office staff to carry on this work; and the grant that I am now asking for is for the pay of this office staff. It is proposed to engage the following staff:

- 1 Manger on Rs. 125 .
- 4 Clerks, 1 on Rs. 50, 1 on Rs. 40, and 2 on Rs. 30 each .
- 1 Shorthand Typist on Rs. 50 ;
- 1 Duffadar on Rs. 12 ; and
- 4 Peons on Rs. 9 each.

It is also proposed to entertain this staff from the first of Kumbhom next. The provision of Rs. 3,365 includes the pay for five months of this staff and a lump sum of Rs. 1,500 for various contingent expenses.

(Messrs. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai and A. S. Damodaran Asan began questioning Dr. Kunjan Pillai simultaneously).

PRESIDENT : One at a time, please.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the work proposed to be done during the coming Census is the same as was done on the prior occasion.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : No ; a little more is going to be attempted in the coming Census. It is proposed to utilise the opportunity of the Census to collect some statistics relating to the economic condition of the people.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the member will be able to give at this stage a rough idea of the economic survey that he proposes to carry on along with the coming Census ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : I am not able to answer that question now. Government have asked me to utilise this opportunity to collect some information about the economic condition of the people.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know what is the nature of the information proposed to be collected ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : I cannot answer that question at present. Forms have got to be prepared. A good deal of preliminary work has to be done and then only will it be possible to decide about the kind of information to be collected.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : What is the amount or what is the staff that is included in this demand for collecting this information ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : Four clerks are going to be appointed. For the last Census, in addition to the Manager, only two clerks were appointed. So, the additional staff of 2 clerks to be appointed this year is intended for the work in connection with the collection of economic statistics.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : What is the amount required ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : I have not decided which clerk should be put on for this work. There are four clerks, one on Rs. 50, another on Rs. 40 and two on Rs. 30 each. I cannot say now which two of these clerks are going to be put on the special work.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara-cum Kartikapalli*) : May I know how the Government have decided to collect this information when they have no idea of the amount of information to be collected ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Government have some idea about it. Some statistics relating to the economic condition of the people have to be collected. Government have decided this and we want some clerks to do this work. The nature of the information to be collected will have to be decided later on because some preliminary work has to be done.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know why it is that Government decided to engage two clerks when they have no idea of the amount of the preliminary work?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Some preliminary work will have to be done and for this Government have engaged two clerks. These two clerks will have to prepare forms, read the literature on the subject and assist the Census Commissioner in the preliminary work that he has to do.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the clerks are supposed to read works on Census literature?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): They must do that, prepare notes, and help the Commissioner in arriving at a decision as to what form is to be adopted and they have also to carry out correspondence with the various Heads of Departments like the Director of Registration.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Government have any idea or any clear idea of the amount of work to be turned out?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): As I said, some work will have to be done. The exact nature of that work can only be decided when the preparation of forms is taken up. What exactly the work will be, cannot be decided now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): With regard to the amount which comes under this demand, may I know whether the Government were aware, when the Budget for 1105 was prepared, that the Census operation will have to be begun in 1105?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I cannot answer that question, Sir, I do not know what was in the mind of the Government at that time.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the member is speaking on behalf of Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I have moved for the grant on behalf of Government, but when I am asked to answer questions I cannot answer them on behalf of Government, I can answer them only on my own behalf.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Am I to infer that the Government are not ready with an answer to my question?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I cannot answer that question on behalf of Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know the source from which I can get that information?

PRESIDENT: What exactly is the information that you want?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Government were aware, when the Budget for 1105 was prepared, that the Census operation will have to be begun in 1105 and some expenditure will have to be incurred for the purpose?

PRESIDENT: I will just tell you, because you have been asking Dr. Kunjan Pillai questions and he has not been able to answer them. Of course, everybody knows that the Census will ordinarily be held every 10 years. Government also must have been aware at that time that it is *likely* that the Census will have to be taken in 1930-31. But, they knew *definitely* that the Census was to be taken on a particular date only in the course of this year. That makes all the difference between provision being made before the beginning of the year and Government coming with a supplementary demand in the course of the year.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Am I to understand that the Government waited for some orders or instructions from the British Government to make this demand upon the Council?

PRESIDENT: I do not think you understood what I said properly. It is not a case of Travancore taking the Census on one day and the rest of India on some other day. The Census will have to be taken on a particular day in the whole of India and that date will have to be settled by the Government of India and not by the Travancore Government alone.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I ask whether the Census Commissioner has submitted any report or proposals with reference to the collection of statistics relating to the economic condition of the State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I have sent up some proposals to the Government. Government have not yet passed orders on them.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I ask whether the member anticipates that the volume of work to be turned out for taking Census this time will be larger than that of last time?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I have already said that some special work has to be done this time so that the volume of work will be more than that at the previous Census.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I ask the member whether the work of taking the Census of the total population will be larger?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): The population must have increased and consequently there is some more work to be done now than in the last Census.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnathur*): May I know whether that would require additional staff?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): More enumerators will have to be appointed. Last time the population was about 40 lakhs. This time it may have risen to about 45 lakhs. There were 7,000 enumerators last time. We may require 8,000 this time because more work has to be done.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): May I ask the Director of Agriculture whether there are two recommendations in connection with this subject now pending before the Government, one from the Legislative Council and the other from the Economic Development Board?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I am not aware that there are two proposals relating to the very same subject. I know that some recommendations have been made by the Economic Development Board and the Legislative Council.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the member tell me whether the collection of statistics will fall under any of these recommendations or whether it is wholly independent of them?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I cannot answer that question because Government have not yet passed any orders on the recommendations of the Economic Development Board or of the Legislative Council. But in the meanwhile Government have decided to collect some information about the economic condition of the people. Whether that is in relation to the recommendation made by the Economic Development Board or by the Legislative Council or is independent of these recommendations, I am not able to say.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Does the member say that he has absolutely no idea of what he is going to do or undertake? (*Laughter*).

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I have some idea. I am going to collect some information about the economic condition of the people.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): I presume that the member is aware of the recommendations that are now before the Government. I also believe that he has read them. If he has any idea at all, will he tell me whether the present enquiry is going to follow any one of these recommendations or is going to be independent of them?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): The work I am asked to do is not on the lines of any of these recommendations. It will be independent of them. What I am

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going to do is only to collect some information as a preliminary to the economic survey recommended by the Legislative Council and the Economic Development Board.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Has he any idea as to what he is going to do at present?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I have. It is quite possible to do some work in connection with the collection of statistics independently of the recommendations made by the Economic Development Board and the Legislative Council.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): I am anxious to know whether he can indicate in any way the line of enquiry that he has set before him.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I can say briefly what I propose to do. In the Census schedule there are certain columns. I believe there is an "occupation column." There the enumerator is required to fill in the occupation of the persons *i. e.*, whether it is agriculture or industry. It may be possible to add some more columns to note down information regarding the extent of land cultivated, the income derived therefrom whether the income is sufficient for expenses, whether the cultivator is borrowing and whether the holding is an economic unit, etc. I think information on these lines can be collected.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Has he any objection to reading out to this Council the orders that he has received from Government in regard to this matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I have stated what the order of the Government is. It says that some information relating to the economic condition of the people should be collected.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): But has the member any objection to reading out the orders of Government in the Council?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I do not know whether I am permitted to read to the Council the orders of Government on the subject. But I can assure the member that as far as the economic work is concerned I have explained the nature of the order.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Why is it different from the economic survey?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): The question of the economic survey was discussed at some length in this House and I think members are fully aware of its nature and scope. What is now attempted to be done is not a comprehensive survey; but, only the collection of some information bearing on the economic condition of the people, such as, the extent of the land cultivated, the income derived therefrom etc. The economic survey is really a much more comprehensive work.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Does the member really contend that these are really outside the scope of the economic enquiry?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): They are included in the survey, but the survey does not consist of this alone. The work proposed to be done now is only a preliminary of the economic survey.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Does the member at least contemplate that it will be helpful to the economic survey?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): It may be of considerable help for a detailed economic survey later on.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is it the first step for the economic survey or a part performance of the economic survey?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): That is a question which the Government alone can answer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know what the object of the Government is in collecting these statistics without having any idea as to the preliminary work?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I think it will be useful both to the Government and to the public to know something about the economic condition of the people such as what their income and expenditure are whether they are running into debts, etc.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware that unless the information is correct and complete it is likely to mislead the public?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): We will try our best to collect as far as possible correct information.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is there any legislation compelling people to give correct information?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): There is no legislation at present. But a Regulation will be passed in connection with the Census and it may be possible to include some provision in the Regulation requiring the people to give correct information about their economic condition.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Census Commissioner has moved the Government to see that legislation is passed to enable him to collect statistics?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I have recommended the passing of the Census Regulation

and provision can be included in it, if necessary, about the collection of statistics also.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know whether these works can be carried on simultaneously?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): We are not going to conduct an economic survey. We are only collecting some information; I think both this and the Census can be conducted together.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know whether the present staff will be sufficient to conduct the economic survey?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): No, Sir. The present staff of two clerks is intended only to help me in correspondence and later on we will engage enumerators for taking Census. These enumerators will also be required to collect information about the economic condition of the people.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I ask whether experts are necessary to ascertain the economic condition of the people?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I do not think that for the collection of the information that we have in view, experts are necessary. But if there is expert knowledge available we will make use of it.

I hope the House will allow the grant I have asked for.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House allows the grant?

The grant was made.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

FINAL READING OF THE TRAVANCORE PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I have to move the third reading of the Travancore Probate and Administration Bill. But before I make that motion I have to move two formal amendments to the Bill as settled by the Council. The first is in respect of Clause 63 in respect of which I propose that the word 'and' occurring at the end of sub-clause 2 (a) be deleted and an 'and' inserted at the end of sub-clause 2 (b).

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I second the motion.

The amendment was passed.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The next amendment I beg to move is in respect of Clause 155. There I move that the word 'in' be inserted before the words 'the first sentence'.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I second it. The amendment was passed.